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NORTH DAKOTA

State calls for lower Lake Sakakawea. North Dakota officials asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and governors of other states on the Missouri River to agree to lower Lake Sakakawea in anticipation of another year of heavy precipitation, the Bismarck Tribune reported October 14. A North Dakota state engineer drafted a letter to Corps leaders calling for the target surface elevation of the lake to be 1,835 feet, or 2.5 feet lower than current levels. The governor has contacted officials of the seven states on the Missouri River and will discuss the proposal with them at a meeting in Nebraska, October 17. He said the proposal is based on the National Weather Service's prediction of continued La Nina weather patterns producing above-average precipitation. An engineer said the river level is 6.5 feet, and would rise to 8.8 feet if Garrison Dam releases were increased by 10,000 cubic feet per second. Corps officials decided to enter next year's run-off season with 16.3 million acre-feet of storage capacity, the amount it used this year. Corps leaders have said creating more storage would require the river to run higher for longer and prevent it from performing needed maintenance on dams, levees, and other infrastructure. Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/state-calls-for-lower-lake-sakakawea/article_e2579c48-f5e5-11e0-826f-001cc4c03286.html

REGIONAL

(Minnesota; Wisconsin; Michigan) Six ill in Minnesota Salmonella egg outbreak. At least six people in Minnesota have Salmonella Enteritidis infections linked to contaminated organic eggs, Food Safety News reported October 20. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) said October 19 they are investigating the outbreak and have traced back the eggs to the Larry Schultz Organic Farm in Owatonna, where environmental testing confirmed the presence of Salmonella Enteritidis. The farm is cooperating with the investigation and has recalled its eggs, which were distributed to restaurants, grocery stores, food wholesalers, and food service companies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. According to state public health authorities, routine reportable disease monitoring identified six cases of Salmonella Enteritidis infection with the same DNA fingerprint. The individuals became ill between August 12 and September 24. The recalled eggs are packaged under the Lunds & Byerlys Organic, Kowalski's Organic, and Larry Schultz Organic Farm brands. They are packed in bulk and varying sizes of cartons (6-egg cartons, dozen-egg cartons, 18-egg cartons). Cartons bearing Plant Number 0630 or a "Sell by" date are NOT included in this recall. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/six-ill-in-minnesota-salmonella-egg-outbreak/>

(Montana; Washington) Q Fever in the Pacific Northwest. An outbreak of Q fever, carried by domestic goats, infected about 20 people in Montana and Washington state in the spring of 2011, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported in its October 14 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Four people were hospitalized, but no deaths were reported, and some infected people showed no symptoms. The outbreak became known in April, when the Q fever bacterium *Coxiella burnetii* was detected in a goat placenta collected from a Washington farm that had reported a high rate of aborted goat pregnancies. Goats from the farm had been

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sold across the region, and health officials eventually detected *C. burnetii* in goats at 21 farms, most of them in Washington and Montana. *C. burnetii* is considered highly infectious, is persistent in the environment and can travel many miles when windborne. Cattle, sheep, and goats are the primary carriers, and the organisms are excreted in milk, urine, and feces of infected animals. Human-to-human transmission is rare. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/q-fever-in-the-pacific-northwest/>

(South Dakota) 10,000 reward offered in arson spree. State and local agencies have mobilized to create an arson task force and offer a \$10,000 reward in hopes of solving a record-breaking string of suspicious fires in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Sioux Falls Argus Leader reported October 19. Counting the latest fires, emergency crews have responded to 16 suspicious fires in less than 2 months in the same central Sioux Falls neighborhood, stoking fears a serial arsonist is at work. A state fire marshal, a 24-year veteran of the service, said October 19 he cannot remember a run of fires such as the one Sioux Falls is experiencing. The fires have caused thousands of dollars in property damage, mostly to unoccupied garages and vehicles. The newly formed task force will include Sioux Falls Police and Fire Rescue personnel, as well as personnel from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, state fire marshal's office, South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20111020/NEWS/110200307/-10-000-reward-offered-arson-spreed>

(South Dakota) Sioux Falls Police confirm another garage fire in a recent string of arsons. Police confirmed another arson in the central Sioux Falls area, KSFY 13 Sioux Falls reported October 18. That brings the count up to about 16 in the same neighborhood in the past few months. This most recent fire happened at a garage. The fire damaged part of the garage door, melted some of the siding, and took out part of a privacy fence. Police said it happened either late October 16 or early October 17. An officer with the Sioux Falls Police Department said they are trying to figure out who is responsible for the arsons. He said they are "trying to figure out if it's one person or two or more, the other thing too, we don't necessarily know whether these are all related, I mean, we believe they are." Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/15726423/police-confirm-another-garage-in-a-recent-string-of-arsons>

Governors ask U.S. to release water to prevent flooding. Governors from several states hit by massive Missouri River flooding this summer asked federal authorities October 17 to release more water from a key reservoir to prevent future flooding. The unprecedented request of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to lower water levels in the reservoir above the Garrison Dam in North Dakota follows flood damage to communities, roads, bridges, and farms from Montana through Missouri this year. The Corps could do this by releasing water downstream, where conditions have been fairly dry this fall, and the governors believe the increased water flow could be managed. The Corps did not immediately respond to the request. Governors from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota signed a letter encouraging Congress to review the Corps' 2011 Missouri River flood management performance. Source:

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/17/us-flooding-midwest-idUSTRE79G61220111017?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

Flood over; years of work ahead. Although cleanup and repairs will continue for years, the Missouri River Flood of 2011 is officially over, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced October 17. The river is below flood stage from Fort Peck, Montana, to the river's mouth near St. Louis, where water is off levees. The commander of the Corps' Kansas City District said officials can now examine damage to levees and dams. He said a complete assessment should be done by mid-November. Officials noted over the weekend of October 15 and 16, water was trapped in the flood plain and flowing through levee breaches. Most of the trapped water is expected to drain once flows out of Gavins Point Dam are decreased to winter rates of 20,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), it is currently releasing 40,000 cfs. The Corps will be unable to make repairs to every structure that has sustained flood damage, the commander said. The agency has set aside \$27.7 million to jump-start the repair process, taking funds from other parts of its budget. Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20111018/NEWS01/710189946/-1>

NATIONAL

Mexican drug cartels recruiting Texas children. Texas law enforcement officials said several Mexican drug cartels have lured youngsters as young as 11 to work in their smuggling operations. The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, told Reuters the drug gangs have a chilling name for the young Texans lured into their operations. "They call them 'the expendables,'" he said. The director said his investigators have evidence six Mexican drug gangs — including the violent Zetas — have "command and control centers" in Texas actively recruiting children for their operations, attracting them with what appears to be "easy money" for doing simple tasks. "Cartels would pay kids \$50 just for them to move a vehicle from one position to another position, which allows the cartel to keep it under surveillance to see if law enforcement has it under surveillance," he said. He said 25 minors have been arrested in one Texas border county alone in the past year for running drugs, acting as lookouts, or doing other work for organized Mexican drug gangs. The cartels are now fanning out, he said, and have operations in all major Texas cities. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/mexican-drug-cartels-recruiting-texas-children-173402030.html>

INTERNATIONAL

US prepared if oil spills in Cuban waters-regulator. The U.S. government has issued licenses for oil spill containment and cleanup equipment for use by U.S. companies in case of an oil spill in Cuban waters, where a Spanish oil company will soon begin drilling, the U.S. drilling regulator said October 18. The United States is evaluating the safety and emergency plans of Repsol YPF, which plans to explore for oil 5,600 feet deep in the Gulf of Mexico later this year when a Chinese-made rig arrives, said the head of the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. Cuba believes it may have 20 billion barrels of oil offshore. The U.S. Geological Survey has estimated the reserves at 5 billion barrels. U.S. Coast Guard officials and the drilling regulator will inspect the rig when it reaches Trinidad and Tobago on its way to Cuba. The U.S.

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Commerce Department has issued licenses for equipment such as booms, skippers and dispersants for use by U.S. firms in Cuban waters, and is considering applications for licenses for other equipment. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/18/cuba-oil-idUSN1E79H0OK20111018>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

IRS and watchdog clash on tax credit errors. Millions of U.S. taxpayers may have erroneously received \$3.2 billion in tax credits for college expenses, an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) watchdog said October 20, drawing immediate fire from the U.S. tax collection agency. The IRS mishandled claims for the education tax expense credit that was a key part of the U.S. President's 2009 economic stimulus bill, said the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. "The IRS does not have effective processes to identify taxpayers who claim erroneous education credits," said the head of the government's IRS watchdog unit. "If not addressed, this could result in up to \$12.8 billion in potentially erroneous refunds over four years," he added. The IRS said that it "strongly disputes the findings" of the report, which it called "flawed and superficial." Still, the IRS acknowledged it can do more to determine a tax credit recipient's eligibility. The agency said it will revise reporting forms to ask for more information, and that it is looking at ways to use Department of Education data to verify claims. The IRS watchdog said most of the erroneous beneficiaries had no documents to prove they were in college; others may not have been in the classroom long enough to qualify or were graduate students; while still others lacked valid Social Security numbers. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/20/us-usa-tax-irs-education-idUSTRE79J3ET20111020>

(New England) Thieves make withdrawals in Istanbul after grabbing debit card information in New England. About 150 customers of Waterbury, Connecticut-based Webster Bank were victims of a "skimming" scheme in New England perpetrated by an international fraud ring, according to the Hartford Courant October 17. The thieves used an electronic device to read data off magnetic strips of debit cards inserted in some ATMs operated by Webster Bank, and at least two other banks. A small camera recorded customers punching in PINs. The thieves were then able to fashion counterfeit debit cards and withdraw tens of thousands of dollars from Webster accounts at ATMs in Istanbul, Turkey. A Webster spokesman said the majority of the illegal withdrawals were made in the spring of 2011, but at least one was made the week of October 10. Last week's withdrawal appears to be related to an earlier one, and is likely an isolated instance, the spokesman said. "A number of banks were affected by this fraud ring," he said. A report published last month said the thieves that targeted Webster also hit ATMs operated by Bank of America, and Eastern Bank. One arrest has been made in the case, according to the Boston Business Journal. Source: http://articles.courant.com/2011-10-17/business/hc-webster-bank-istanbul-1018-20111017_1_debit-cards-atm-industry-association-report-fraudulent-charges

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CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Ex-Dow scientist admits theft of trade secrets to help China. A scientist who once worked for Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis pleaded guilty October 18 in federal court to stealing company secrets to benefit the People's Republic of China. He also pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a trade secret when he worked for a Minnesota company, Cargill, after he was fired by Dow. The scientist faces up to 15 years in prison on the Indiana charge, which was brought under the U.S. Economic Espionage Act of 1996, and 10 years in prison on the Minnesota charge. An assistant U.S. attorney said the convict pilfered trade secrets valued at \$7 million to \$20 million concerning organic pesticides and components of new food products. He later gave the information to a student at Hunan Normal University in China, authorities said. The convict was indicted by a federal grand jury in June 2010. Federal authorities said the scientist stood to gain financially if he was able to produce the products he stole. He had begun directing research at Hunan Normal using the trade secrets. Hunan is a government-controlled institute in China that received grants for the continuing research. Source:

<http://www.indystar.com/article/20111019/LOCAL0101/110190322/Ex-Dow-scientist-pleads-guilty-stealing-trade-secrets-help-China?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|IndyStar.com>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Washington) Man with rifle arrested at Occupy Seattle protest. A convicted felon believed to be part of the Occupy Seattle protest was arrested at the demonstration in Seattle after he was found carrying an unloaded rifle in a bag, along with 16 rounds of ammunition, police said October 18. But the suspect was not accused of threatening anyone with violence when he was arrested October 17, a Seattle police sergeant said. He was jailed on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm, itself a felony offense under state weapons laws, he said, adding that formal charges had yet to be filed. The suspect was arrested after officers patrolling Westlake Park, a downtown plaza that has been the scene of ongoing protests, saw him with a camouflaged rifle bag over his shoulder and heard him say he had a Ruger, the name of a gun manufacturer. Police opened the bag to find an unloaded, short-barreled semiautomatic rifle with a pistol grip, and when they asked the man if he had any ammunition for the weapon, he produced a box with 16 rounds, the police sergeant said. Police have made about 40 arrests in all in conjunction with Occupy Seattle protests in October. Source: <http://kgmi.com/Man-with-rifle-arrested-at-Occupy-Seattle-protest/11230684>

(New York) Occupy Wall Street stays in park. The real-estate company that owns the small park at the center of the Occupy Wall Street movement in New York City has postponed a planned cleaning of the site, the New York City deputy mayor announced early October 14. The decision by Brookfield Office Properties Inc. to delay its planned cleaning of Zuccotti Park means the protesters who have been living at the site for nearly a month will not be forced to depart and remove the tarps, beds, and other items accumulated during the ongoing demonstration. An hour after the cleanup was postponed, hundreds of jubilant protesters had spilled out onto Broadway near Exchange Place, blocking traffic, and facing dozens of police officers. Police used batons and motorcycles to clear the street. At least three people were arrested. On Exchange

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Place, about 100 protesters sat down in front of police vehicles. Police arrested at least two people as hundreds of protesters raised brooms in the air and moved onto Wall Street. Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2011/10/14/occupy-wall-street-stays-in-park/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Verizon partially restores LTE network after nationwide outage. U.S. carrier Verizon Wireless the weekend of October 14 suffered an outage that affected its LTE network across the country. According to reports, the service went down early the evening of October 16, and had only been partially restored across the country the morning of October 17. Some users reported 3G services were affected as well, leaving customers relying on 1xRTT for data access. Verizon has yet to comment officially on the outage. The outage is the third to affect the service since its launch in December 2010. Source: <http://www.telecoms.com/34941/verizon-partially-restores-lte-network-after-nationwide-outage/>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Chinese giant halts rare earth shipments to hike prices. China's largest rare-earth producer, the state-owned Baotou Iron and Steel Group, is stopping rare earth shipments to the United States, Japan, and Europe, for a month starting October 19 in an attempt to drive up prices. DailyTech reported the Baotou Group also plans to buy rare earth metals to raise demand and further increase prices. Rare earths are used in many high-tech components, such as disk drive magnets, lenses, and lasers. Lower prices for Chinese-mined rare earths caused China to gradually become the world's largest rare earth provider, controlling 95 to 97 percent of world production. The assumption behind the stoppage is China wants to increase production of goods that use rare earth metals, such as magnets. More money is made using rare earths in finished goods than in mining the minerals. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/10/21/china_rare_earth_supply_strike/

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(New Hampshire) Threatening letter containing white powder sent to Salem police.

Firefighters and a hazardous materials team responded to the Salem, New Hampshire Police Department October 20 after an administrative assistant opened a threatening letter that came with white powder — later discovered to be baking soda. “The letter contained a very simple and direct threat toward members of the Salem Police Department,” the deputy police chief said. The letter prompted police to call the Salem Fire Department and members of a regional hazardous material team to investigate. Once the the powder was determined to be baking soda, the office became a crime scene, and police notified the FBI and U.S. Postal Service, officials said. Investigators were processing the envelope and the department, which was

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cordoned off for nearly 2 hours. Source:

<http://www.unionleader.com/article/20111020/NEWS03/111029993>

DEA bans chemicals in 'bath salts' and 'plant food'. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) said it is using its emergency powers to control three synthetic stimulants used to make “bath salts” and “plant food,” WJLA 7 Washington D.C. reported October 21. The announcement makes the processing or selling of Mephedrone, 3,4 methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV) and Methylone, or products that contain them, illegal in the United States. It classified them as a Schedule I, under the Controlled Substances Act, which means they have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical use. The ban will remain in effect for at least 1 year while the DEA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services conduct a study to decide if the chemicals should be permanently controlled. The interest in these chemicals has grown in recent months, officials said. They are marketed under such names as “Ivory Wave”, “Purple Wave”, “Vanilla Sky” or “Bliss,” and are made up of a class of chemicals that mimic the drugs cocaine, LSD, MDMA, and/or methamphetamine. Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2011/10/dea-bans-chemicals-in-bath-salts-and-plant-food--68161.html>

(District of Columbia) New D.C. emergency alerts to urge people to Stay in Place'. The Washington D.C. emergency management agency is making changes to the way it alerts the public about emergencies, and will likely advise people to stay put rather than try to drive home during future disasters, officials said at a D.C. Council hearing October 13. The advice to wait before jumping in the car is part of a strategy to mitigate the traffic gridlock that occurred in the wake of a fast-moving January snowstorm, and the 5.8-magnitude earthquake that shook the nation's capital in August. Both events caused people to be stranded on roads for hours and exposed weaknesses in disaster preparedness. For example, the District's emergency management agency did not send out its first alert about the earthquake until nearly a half-hour after it occurred — at which point thousands of people had spilled out of buildings and taken to the roads. The District's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency director said her goal is now to send an alert about an emergency within 5 minutes, and to include a prepared “script” with general guidelines about how to deal with the event taking place. The alert would also tell people not to try to leave the District until more information is available. Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/New-DC-Emergency-Alerts-to-Urge-People-to-Stay-in-Place-131830358.html>

ENERGY

EPA to regulate disposal of fracking wastewater. Federal environmental regulators signaled October 20 they want to increase oversight of the natural gas extraction industry, announcing they will develop national standards for the disposal of polluted wastewaters generated by a drilling technique known as hydraulic fracturing. Energy companies have dramatically expanded the use of fracking in recent years, injecting millions of gallons of water, sand and chemical additives to unlock gas in deep shale formations in Pennsylvania, Texas and other states. Its prevalence has raised concerns about the potential impact on water quality and quantity. The

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it will draft standards for fracking wastewater, chemical-laced water that is a byproduct of drilling, that drillers would have to meet before sending it to treatment plants. The industry in recent months has been recycling much of the wastewater or injecting it deep underground, but some of it is sent to plants ill-equipped to remove the contaminants. The new standards would also apply to wastewater produced by coalbed methane drilling, the agency said. The EPA has largely left it to the states to regulate fracking operations. The agency is also in the midst of a study of whether fracking has polluted groundwater and drinking water. Source:

http://journalstar.com/news/national/article_ddbe67e0-9e3a-58df-b32b-cd6ae87d541f.html

(Michigan) Trio conspired to steal about \$20K in copper wiring from Consumers Energy substations. A Flint, Michigan man, along with two other individuals, are accused in a scheme to steal about \$20,000 worth of copper wiring from three Consumers Energy substations on nearly two dozen occasions. The Genesee County sheriff said one man stole copper wiring from two substations in Flint and one in Burton, and then gave the wiring to the other two individuals to sell at area recycling facilities. The thefts caused several outages, including one at Genesys Regional Medical Center, said the spokesman. Police said substations were targeted over a month-long period. In all, outages caused by the thefts contributed to service interruptions to about 25,000 local customers. A rise in thefts caused Consumers to offer a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to arrests. Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2011/10/scrap_metal_businesses_likely.html

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Indiana dairy recalls blue cheese due to Listeria risk. An Indiana dairy is recalling what it says is a small amount of blue cheese that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported October 21. Fair Oaks Dairy Products said its own testing, conducted by an independent laboratory, confirmed that some Fair Oaks Royal Blue Cheese was contaminated with *Listeria*. The company estimates the quantity of blue cheese being recalled is less than 20 pounds. All remaining inventory has been quarantined and will be destroyed under U.S. Food and Drug Administration supervision, the dairy said in its news release. Fair Oaks said that a small quantity of the cheese was sold at its Fair Oaks Dairy store in Northwest Indiana, central Indiana, and to several other stores on and after September 25 in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. The product is in one-third to one-half pound packages wrapped in royal blue foil. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/indiana-dairy-recalls-blue-cheese-due-to-listeria-risk/>

Allergy alert: Peanuts in mini s'mores. Nassau Candy Distributors is recalling its Nancy Adams Classics Mini S'mores because they may contain peanuts not listed on the label, Food Safety News reported October 20. The nationwide recall began after the company received a report a unit purchased in a retail location contained undeclared peanuts. A subsequent investigation revealed some bags of peanut clusters may have been inadvertently packed into boxes of the

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s'mores. The Nancy Adams Classic S'Mores are not supposed to contain peanuts. All of the retail stores have been notified, and the affected product is being removed from the shelves and being discarded. The recall is for Nancy Adams Classics Mini S'mores, net weight 5.5 ounces, in a red and silver box. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/allergy-alert-peanuts-in-mini-smores/>

Taylor Farms salads recalled for Salmonella. Taylor Farms Retail Inc. has recalled 3,265 cases of various salad blends that may be contaminated with Salmonella, Food Safety News reported October 20. The recall follows a random test conducted on a finished package of spinach by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The salads were distributed in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Puerto Rico, and sold in various retail supermarkets. The recalled bagged salads by brand name and item description are: Fresh Selections, Hearts of Romaine, 10-ounce bag; Fresh Selections, Leafy Romaine, 10-ounce bag; Fresh Selections, Field of Greens, 10-ounce bag; Fresh Selections, Romaine Blend, 10-ounce bag; HEB Spring Mix, 5-ounce bag; Marketside, Fresh Spinach, 10-ounce bag; Marketside, Caesar Salad Kit, 14.6-ounce bag; Marketside, Asian Salad Kit, 15-ounce bag; Marketside, Southwest Salad Kit, 15-ounce bag; Marketside, Premium Romaine 9-ounce bag; Marketside, Premium Romaine Family, 18-ounce bag; and Taylor Farms, Field Greens 8-ounce bag. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/taylor-farms-salads-recalled-for-salmonella/>

Salmon virus raises concerns in US, Canada. Scientists in Washington state are working to improve testing of a deadly, contagious marine virus as a precaution, after the virus was detected in wild salmon for the first time on the West Coast, the Associated Press reported October 18. Researchers with Simon Fraser University in British Columbia and elsewhere announced October 17 they found the influenza-like virus in two juvenile sockeye salmon collected from the province's central coast. The virus, which does not affect humans, has caused losses at fish farms in Chile and other areas, and could have devastating impacts on wild salmon in the region and other species that depend on them, the researchers said. The virus was found in 2 of 48 juvenile sockeye salmon collected as part of a long-term study led by a Simon Fraser University professor. Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/44952384/ns/us_news-environment/#.Tp7qYnJnAYI

Dirty equipment blamed for deadly outbreak in cantaloupe. Potentially contaminated processing equipment and problems with packing and storage of whole cantaloupes at a Colorado farm likely led to the deadliest listeria outbreak in the United States in 25 years, which has so far claimed 25 lives in a dozen states, federal health regulators said October 18. Pools of water on the floor of the Jensen Farms packing facility in Granada, Colorado, equipment that was not easily cleaned and sanitized, and failure to cool newly harvested cantaloupes before sending them to cold storage all contributed to the outbreak, the first-ever listeria contamination blamed on whole melons, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) officials said. "We are quite confident and certain," that those factors led to the outbreak blamed so far for 123 illnesses in 26 states, said a senior advisor to the FDA's CORE Network in the Office of Foods, who spoke at the news conference. Investigators tested fruit samples and equipment

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from Jensen Farms and confirmed the presence of four outbreak strains of the listeria monocytogenes bacteria confirmed in the illnesses and deaths. The FDA said Jensen Farms had recently bought used equipment that was corroded and hard to clean. In addition, a truck used to haul culled cantaloupe to a cattle operation was parked near the facility and could have introduced contamination to the facility, investigators said. Low levels of listeria in the field also could have introduced the bacteria into the packing facility. And the design of the plant allowed stagnant water to pool on the floor. The FDA had not inspected the farm before the September 10 session that first detected listeria problems. Jensen Farms has voluntarily agreed to correct all problems found in the inspection, an FDA Commissioner told reporters. In addition, the firm has agreed not to process, pack, or distribute produce until the agency approves. Source: <http://vitals.msnbc.msn.com/news/2011/10/19/8397950-dirty-equipment-blamed-for-deadly-outbreak-in-cantaloupe>

Frozen fajitas recalled due to beef-chicken switch. A Colorado company is recalling about 15,760 pounds of frozen fajitas because the chicken fajita packages may contain steak, and the steak fajita packages may contain chicken, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service announced October 13. Phil's Fresh Foods said the mix up was discovered by a consumer with a beef allergy who had an allergic reaction after consuming the mislabeled chicken fajitas, which were actually steak fajitas, and reported the problem. The company said the beef and chicken products were inadvertently switched during packaging. The mislabeled fajitas were produced February 2 and 3, and were distributed to retail establishments nationwide. Being recalled are: 7-ounce cartons of "EVOL. BURRITOS FIRE GRILLED CHICKEN FAJITA" and 7-ounce cartons of "EVOL. BURRITOS FIRE GRILLED STEAK FAJITA." The recalled packages have the establishment number "EST. 21015" or "P-21015" inside the USDA mark of inspection on the carton, and an identifying lot number of "03311" on the inner plastic packaging. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/frozen-fajitas-recalled-due-to-misbranding/>

(California) Histamine illnesses prompt frozen tuna recall. Three illnesses caused by elevated histamine levels linked to sushi led to the recall of up to 1,800 cases of frozen ground tuna, Food Safety News reported October 14. Osamu Corporation of Gardena, California announced the recall October 13 after the Food and Drug Administration found decomposition in several samples of the company's tuna, and also found elevated histamine levels in tuna collected at one retail location. Decomposed seafood may promote formation of histamine, which when eaten can cause a tingling or burning sensation in the mouth, facial swelling, rash, hives and itchy skin, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. The frozen ground tuna, lot # 7013, was shipped to three distributors — AFC Corporation, Red Shell Foods, and Pacific Fresh Fish Co. — from August 18 to September 8. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/10/histamine-illnesses-prompt-frozen-tuna-recall/>

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GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Texas) San Antonio break-in sparks FBI involvement: police. Five foreign men were arrested during a courthouse break-in October 19, and police said they found photographs of public buildings, water systems, and malls from various U.S. cities in their van in San Antonio. The men, at least three of whom were in their 20s, will be questioned by a joint terrorism task force including the FBI and immigration authorities, officials said. The Bexar County spokeswoman said three men were found inside the 120-year-old Bexar County Courthouse, a landmark in downtown San Antonio, and two in a large recreational vehicle parked in front of the building. She said all five were Moroccans. Inside the RV, officials said they found "photographs of infrastructure" including shopping malls, water systems, courthouses, and other public buildings that they say were taken in cities across the United States. "They got travel documents, parking passes, they have been all over the country," a police captain said. "A lot of photographic equipment, a lot of documentation equipment (was) inside their vehicle. They are going to be held for interrogation by the FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the joint terrorism task force," the captain said. San Antonio is home to three major military bases, and officials have notified them of the incident, and have told them to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity and vehicles. A military intelligence convention is underway at the city's convention center several blocks away, with top intelligence officials including White House officials set to speak, but investigators did not say whether there was any connection. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/19/us-texas-crime-break-in-idUSTRE79I3BX20111019>

(Colorado) Police make 2 dozen arrests, tear down tents at Occupy Denver protest camp. A large number of police officers in riot gear made dozens of arrests as they broke up the Occupy Denver protest in a park outside the Capitol building in downtown Denver, October 14. A Denver police spokesman said at least 24 people were arrested. The Colorado State Patrol said many face charges related to criminal misconduct. There were a few brief moments of pushing and shoving between protesters and police, but things remained relatively calm and there were no injuries. Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/politics/kdvr-occupy-denver-protests-put-hickenlooper-hancock-in-a-quandry-20111012,0,1965021.story>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Skype can be used to tie users to illegal download activity. Help Net Security reported October 21 a team of researchers proved it is possible to determine the IP address of a user and tie it with his Internet use, and even correlate this information to his file-sharing activity with high accuracy, by taking advantage of a privacy hole in Skype. The user is completely unaware of this happening and the entire scheme is easily scaled to incorporate the simultaneous monitoring of Internet usage patterns of some 10,000 users. The team was able to distinguish which packets are sent from a particular user and extract his IP address from their headers, to call the user but prevent the establishment of TCP connections so that he is not notified of the call, and have

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discovered a Skype privacy hole that allowed them to do this even if the user did not have them in the contact list or has explicitly blocked them. According to the researchers, other IM applications such as MSN Live and Google Talk can also be used instead of Skype to harvest the user's IP address, but they chose Skype because of the aforementioned privacy flaw. Source:

[http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11823&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11823&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

Flash vulnerability allows website admins to spy on visitors. A computer science student from Stanford University discovered a flaw in Adobe Flash that would allow a Web site administrator to remotely and silently turn on a visitor's Web cam and microphone, Softpedia reported October 20. According to the student, the trick works in all versions of Flash in most Mac browsers. Windows and Linux browsers are not susceptible, probably because of a CSS bug, but he believes an adaptation would not be too difficult to accomplish. It looks as if this click-jacking method has been used before, but since Adobe added a framebusting JavaScript code, the whole thing appeared to be fixed. The old method relied on inserting the Adobe Flash Settings Manager page into an invisible iframe, masking it with a game or something that would urge users to click. The student managed to bypass this restriction by putting only the SWF file into an iframe, instead of the whole settings page. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Flash-Vulnerability-Allows-Website-Admins-to-Spy-on-Visitors-228863.shtml>

Kaspersky discovers new version of German state-sponsored trojan. Virus analysts at Kaspersky Labs discovered a new version of a trojan written for the German government by Digitask, The H Security reported October 19. It supports 64-bit versions of Windows and is able to monitor many more applications. The "big brother" of the trojan analyzed by the Chaos Computer Club (CCC) is made up of five files. They were found in an installation program by the name of scuinst.exe (Skype CaptureUnit Installer), recently detected by F-Secure. In addition to Skype, the list of processes monitored by the trojan includes other voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) applications, browsers, and e-mail and instant messaging clients. The researchers also discovered a 64-bit driver signed using a certificate issued by fictitious CA Goose Cert; 64-bit versions of Windows will not load unsigned drivers. A normal copy of Windows will not accept the fake certificate, meaning the installation process also has to modify Windows' certificate store — how it does this is not yet known. The Digitask development team also seems to have cribbed additional rootkit techniques and, in addition to the familiar AppInit technique, appears to have implemented a new method of activating the trojan library with the target process' privileges. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Kaspersky-discovers-new-version-of-German-state-sponsored-trojan-1363335.html>

ASP.NET attacks infect more than a million. As of October 18, more than 1 million people have been infected in less than a week after a malware campaign targeted visitors to outdated Web sites, SC Magazine reported October 18. The attacks exploited vulnerabilities in older versions of Java and Adobe Flash to hijack visitors' computers; as of October 12, the campaign had infected about 200,000 Web sites, according to security researchers quoting Google search results. A similar search for evidence of the Javascript attack yielded more than 1.1 million

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results October 18. The attacks involve an SQL injection where malicious code is woven into Web sites — mostly those running Microsoft ASP.NET, with patching or configuration vulnerabilities. Vulnerable sites are typically those owned by universities, schools, associations, and small businesses. The code redirects visitors to Web sites where they are infected with varying malicious payloads, sites registered to the same fake identity as those involved in the LizaMoon attacks in April. Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/aspnet-attacks-infect-more-than-a-million/article/214630/>

Team Swastika group hacks 10,000 global Facebook accounts. Security experts are warning Facebook users to ensure they use strong passwords and vary their credentials from site to site after a new hacking group published log-in details for more than 10,000 users of the social network, V3.co.uk reported October 18. Trend Micro's director of security research explained in a blog post the "Team Swastika" group published the details to Pastebin. Although the post has been removed by the data-sharing service, he managed to take a screen grab of the stolen credentials. He said the accounts come from all over the world, with the majority using simple or easy-to-guess passwords. Team Swastika has only just arrived on the hacking scene, but the group has already published database tables and user credentials stolen from the Indian Embassy in Nepal and the Bhutan government, probably by SQL injection attack. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2117965/team-swastika-hacks-global-facebook-accounts>

Open source WineHQ database breached. For the second time in 2 months, a major open source project has been breached, Network World reported October 13. This time the victim is the WineHQ project, which manages Wine, an open source technology that lets users install and run Windows applications on Linux, Mac, Solaris, and other operating systems. WineHQ earlier the week of October 10 disclosed someone broke into one of its database systems and gained access to an open source PHP tool that allows remote management of databases. The attackers managed to harvest all log-in information of users of the Wine Application Database (AppDB) and Bugzilla, the WineHQ bug tracking system, giving them access to users' log-in names and passwords. "The passwords are stored encrypted, but with enough effort and depending on the quality of the password, they can be cracked," a Wine developer said. "This, I'm afraid, is a serious threat; it means that anyone who uses the same e-mail/password on other systems is now vulnerable to a malicious attacker using that information to access their account." WineHQ is resetting passwords of all affected users, he added. Source: http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/101311-open-source-winehq-database-251960.html?source=nww_rss

Blackhole crimeware goes 'prime time'. Attackers are increasingly using the Blackhole exploit kit in phishing campaigns. Most recently, one that poses as an e-mail notification from an HP OfficeJet Printer has sent nearly 8 million e-mails thus far, and uses 2,000 domains to serve up the malware, Dark Reading reported October 13. The OfficeJet e-mail campaign, like other Blackhole attacks, is trolling for victims' online banking credentials. It works a lot like Zeus and others, using browser vulnerabilities on victims' machines and creating a backdoor for downloading and installing the Trojans. An AppRiver researcher said Blackhole appears to favor Java and Adobe bugs. In May, Blackhole, which previously had been marketed as a high-end

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crimeware tool that cost \$1,500 for a 1-year license, was unleashed for free in some underground forums. That has propelled more use of the toolkit. Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/231900780/blackhole-crimeware-goes-prime-time.html>

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS

(Louisiana) 10,000 reward offered in arson wildfire. Officials are hoping a \$10,000 reward will lead to an arrest in a Natchitoches Parish arson fire that destroyed 10 homes, and caused more than \$7 million in damage in Louisiana, Alexandria Town Talk reported October 18. The September 2 wildfire was intentionally set, the Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry commissioner said at a news conference held in Saline at the scorched site where the Natchitoches Parish sheriff's deputy's home was consumed by the fire. Ten homes were destroyed, and the fire burned nearly 5,000 acres of timberland, and 35 outbuildings. Timber losses were estimated at \$5 million, in addition to \$2 million to \$3 million in lost homes and other items. Source:

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20111019/NEWS01/110190331>

POSTAL AND SHIPPING

(Arkansas) Bogus e-mail targets postal customers. Some Hot Springs Village postal customers are receiving bogus e-mails about a package delivery, according to an October 19 press release from the post office in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The e-mails contain a link that, when opened, installs a malicious virus that can steal personal information. The e-mails claim to be from the U.S. Postal Service and contain fraudulent information about an attempted or intercepted package delivery. The user is instructed to click on a link to find out about the delivery. Clicking on the link activates a virus that can steal information such as user name, password, and financial account information, the release said. The post office advised users to delete the message without clicking on the link. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is working to resolve the issue and shut down the malicious program. Source: http://www.hsvvoice.com/news/2011-10-19/Headlines/Bogus_email_targets_postal_customers.html

(Florida) Postal worker robbed at gunpoint. For the third time in 3 weeks, a postal worker was robbed in North Miami-Dade, Florida. On October 17, a postal worker was robbed at gunpoint at Northeast 133rd Street and Sixth Avenue. The worker was making a delivery to an apartment complex in the area. She walked into the building to the mailboxes inside where she was confronted by a man in a ski mask who demanded her master key, which opens panels of mailboxes, and took off with it. That worker was shaken but not injured, North Miami Police said. Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21005656617235/postal-worker-robbed-at-gunpoint/>

PUBLIC HEALTH

New CDC data show significant decline in hospital infection rates. Rates for four common hospital-acquired infections declined in 2010, as hospitals nationwide made significant progress

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in implementing prevention strategies, according to U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data released October 19, National Journal reports. For the report, the agency analyzed data from its National Healthcare Safety Network infection monitoring system for more than 3,000 hospitals. The results showed central line-associated bloodstream infection rates (CLABSI) declined by 33 percent (McKinney, Modern Healthcare, POC, October 19). Specifically, it found a 35 percent decrease in CLABSIs among critical care patients and a 26 percent decrease among non-critical care patients (CDC release, October 19). The CDC also found health care-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* infection rates dropped by 18 percent; surgical-site infection rates declined by 10 percent; and catheter-associated urinary tract infection rates dropped by 7 percent (Modern Healthcare, October 19). In addition, the CDC found improved health care provider adherence to evidence-based infection prevention measures. For example, the agency found more than 94 percent adherence to protocols establishing appropriate techniques for central line catheter insertion (CDC release, October 19). Source:

<http://www.californiahealthline.org/articles/2011/10/20/new-cdc-data-show-significant-decline-in-hospital-infection-rates.aspx>

FDA: shortage ends for a leukemia drug, but others remain. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said a shortage of the leukemia drug cytarabine has been resolved, although record shortages remain for cancer drugs and medicine used by hospitals for critical care. Cytarabine has been in short supply for about a year, but the shortage became so severe in the spring that even top cancer centers were unable to get it at times. Cytarabine is the main treatment for people with acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, and part of a treatment regimen for other types of blood cancers. For AML patients, there was no substitute drug. Source:

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/10/20/fda-shortage-ends-for-leukemia-drug-but-others-remain/>

(Florida) Legionnaire's disease discovered at Plant City mobile home park; one dead. One resident of a mobile home park died, and two others were sickened, after coming down with Legionnaires' disease in Plant City, Florida health officials said October 18. The three people lived at the Meadows at Countrywood, a 55-and-older community with 799 mobile homes. They were not relatives and did not live together, said a Hillsborough County Health Department spokesman. As a precaution, health officials closed two swimming pools and two hot tubs, potential origins of the disease, at the park. Health officials learned of the cases October 14, when the three had shown up at the same hospital. One died October 15. The others remain under medical care. Source:

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/legionnaires-disease-discovered-at-plant-city-mobile-home-park-one-dead/1197240>

(New York) Drug shortage impacts WNY. Western New York (WNY) is noticing the impact of a shortage of more than 100 medications, including cancer drugs, that has been going for months, WGRZ 2 Buffalo reported October 17. The Visiting Nursing Association (VNA) of Western New York has also had trouble securing some of the drugs it needs. For the VNA, supplies of a drug used to treat colon cancer, fluorouracil, has been very limited. "There is not a good substitute for this particular drug that's out there, the recommendation that could have

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been used was really quite toxic and was not the best substitute," said the VNA's vice president of clinical services. But she said all of their patients were able to get the doses they needed. However, for many health care providers, the shortage has been frightening. A U.S. Senator from New York said he wants the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to crack down on price gouging. "The bottom line is these people are violating, they're violating the laws and trying to monopolize these drugs. And we have asked the FDA to go after them." Source:

<http://www.wgrz.com/news/article/138565/13/Drug-Shortage-Impacts-WNY>

(Mississippi) 47 cases of West Nile diagnosed in state. The Associated Press reported October 18 that there are now 47 confirmed cases of West Nile Virus in Mississippi, according to information from the Mississippi Department of Health. There have been four deaths associated with the disease, one was reported in Pearl River County. Other counties to report a West Nile related death include Jasper, Jones, and Leflore counties. Last year eight cases of West Nile infection were reported in Mississippi, with no deaths. Source:

<http://picayuneitem.com/local/x345569705/47-cases-of-West-Nile-diagnosed-in-state>

TRANSPORTATION

(Minnesota) Minneapolis traffic signals back to normal after computer fix. Traffic signals in Minneapolis were back to normal October 17 after a little more than a week on the fritz. An October 9 power outage and surge disrupted the central computer system, causing stoplights at 700 of the city's 800 signalized intersections to malfunction. City engineers were able to fix the computer hardware October 14, and monitored the system through the weekend of October 15 and 16 to ensure it was running normally. While the computer was down, the system used a backup signal timing plan, which meant traffic signals still followed the standard green-yellow-red sequence, but the system was not able to optimize traffic flow by coordinating signals at different intersections along a street to keep traffic moving as well as it normally would. The regular timing sequences have now been restored. Source:

<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/dpp/news/minneapolis-traffic-lights-fixed-oct-17-2011>

(Pennsylvania) Entire bridge stolen, sold for scrap. Two Pennsylvania brothers have been charged with stealing a bridge and selling it piecemeal to a scrap yard, WLS-AM 890 reported October 18. Police said the brothers, ages 24, and 25, of New Castle, dismantled a 40-by-15-foot bridge by using a torch to take apart pieces. Between September 16 and September 28, the brothers stole the entire bridge and then sold the steel for \$5,000. The bridge was once used to access a fireworks manufacturing plant, but was no longer regularly used. It was owned by the New Castle Development Corporation, and located in a wooded area in North Beaver Township, according to police. The brothers are facing felony charges including criminal mischief, theft, receiving stolen property, and criminal conspiracy, and were being held on \$25,000 bail. Source: <http://www.wlsam.com/Article.asp?id=2313011&spid=>

Watchdog: Air traffic controller errors soaring. Errors by air traffic controllers in the vicinity of airports as well as incidents in which there was an unauthorized plane, vehicle, or person on a runway have increased sharply, a government watchdog said in a report released October 13.

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Mistakes by controllers working at radar facilities that handle approaches and departures within about 30 miles of an airport that cause planes to fly too close together nearly doubled over 3 years ending in March, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report said. Separately, runway incursions at airports with control towers increased from 11 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2004 federal budget year to 18 incidents per million takeoffs and landings in the 2010 federal budget year. Most large and medium-sized airports have control towers. Such "runway incursions," as they are called, can involve anything that is not supposed to be on a runway, from a stray baggage cart to a plane that makes a wrong turn while taxiing. The GAO report said that while Federal Aviation Administration officials have met their goals for reducing runway incursions overall, the rate of incidents at airports with towers has increased. Source: [http://hosted2.ap.org/APDefault/*/Article_2011-10-14-Air Traffic Errors/id-52602c51125e43cb9a2fc039cea5c18](http://hosted2.ap.org/APDefault/*/Article_2011-10-14-Air%20Traffic%20Errors/id-52602c51125e43cb9a2fc039cea5c18)

WATER AND DAMS

(California) Man ends water tower occupation after six hours. A 22-year-old transient with unknown motives climbed on top of a water tower at the site of the old Sawyer Tannery in Napa, California, October 19, and resisted efforts to get him down for six and a half hours. Napa County Mental Health and the crisis negotiation team were called to the scene, police said. The man threw a heavy metal can filled with rocks at officers below and attempted to destroy cell phone equipment on the tower, police said. He came down from the tower after repeatedly asking authorities at the scene for water. The man was hit with a Taser after he refused to be taken into custody and tried to climb back up the tower. He surrendered to officers and was taken to Queen of the Valley Medical Center and later booked into the Napa County Jail on suspicion of assault with intent to create great bodily injury, trespassing, and cutting a utility line. Police officers, speaking in Spanish through a bullhorn, initially tried to persuade the man to come down, offering him cigarettes and tacos as dozens of bystanders watched from a distance. During the standoff, the man could be seen climbing in and out of the water tank through a hatch. Estimates of damage were not available at press time. Source: http://napavalleyregister.com/news/local/man-ends-water-tower-occupation-after-six-hours/article_68e83bfa-faa5-11e0-8ffb-001cc4c03286.html

(Texas) Thieves rip off \$300 in copper; repairs to cost SAWS \$480,000. San Antonio police said copper thieves raided a San Antonio Water System (SAWS) water plant overnight October 17 to steal copper wire, forcing a shutdown of a primary water station in the La Cantera, Texas area. Investigators said the culprits made off with about \$300 worth of the metal, however the damage estimate is at least \$480,000. San Antonio police said the suspects cut a hole through the fence of the SAWS property, broke locks, and shut off high-voltage power sources to strip five water pumps of copper wire. Severed pipes and other materials were strewn about the scene, police said. The water station reportedly supplies water to commercial sites such as the Rim, Fiesta Six Flags, and the Shops of LaCantera, among other customers. The station could be down for 2 weeks for repairs and put a strain on smaller pumps in the city, officials said. Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/Copper-thieves-shut-down-SAWS-water-station-131974743.html>

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New USDA report shows conservation practices reducing sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus in Great Lakes region. A new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) study released October 13 shows that farmers using combinations of erosion-control and nutrient-management practices on cultivated cropland are reducing losses of sediment, nitrogen, and phosphorous from farm fields, and decreasing the movement of these materials to the Great Lakes and their associated waterways. "The Great Lakes Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP) study confirms that good conservation planning and implementation have reduced loadings of sediment and nutrients to waterways throughout the region," the Secretary of Agriculture said October 13. The CEAP study, prepared by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), estimates the use of conservation has resulted in a 50 percent decline in sediment entering rivers and streams, along with 36 and 37 percent declines, respectively, in phosphorus and nitrogen loading. This latest study, as with CEAP reports on the Upper Mississippi River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay watershed, identifies slightly more than half of cropland as having either a high or moderate need for additional conservation practices to lessen sediment and nutrient losses. The remainder of cropland has low needs for additional conservation — that is, low vulnerabilities to sediment and/or nutrient loss, and having adequate conservation management to minimize losses. The study covers nearly 174,000 square miles — the entire U.S. side of the Great Lakes Region. It is based on data obtained through a survey of farming and conservation practices conducted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service from 2003 to 2006. More than 1,400 National Resources Inventory sample points provide the statistical basis for estimating conditions throughout the region. Source: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentid=2011/10/0442.xml&contentidonly=true>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

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